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The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased during February when continued gains in nonmanufacturing offset a seasonal downturn in factory jobs and personal income once again exceeded the $500-billion mark, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment of 1,616,100 last month compared with January's revised 1,615,600 level and was 57,800 higher than February 1986 (page 2). Seasonal February trends continued to show fewer jobs in construction, general merchandise and other retail trade, with an overall gain of 1,500 in nonmanufacturing sectors offsetting a 1,000 drop in manufacturing. Compared with a year earlier, nonmanufacturing employment was up 5.1 percent and manufacturing was off one-half of one percent.

Average weekly wages of factory production workers, the workweek and hourly earnings each dropped (page 3). Weekly pay of $430.92 in February was down from January's $435.27 but $20.48 higher than the February 1986 total of $410.44. The average workweek was 42-hours, down slightly from 42.3 during the previous month and up from 41.5-hours last year, and hourly earnings dropped three-cents from January to $10.26. Straight-time earnings of $9.82 hourly and $392.80 a week were unchanged, and represented a 3.4 percent increase from 1986 when hourly and weekly wages were $9.50 and $380, respectively. Among the six largest labor market areas (page 6), the highest weekly factory pay was earned in New Britain, $457.95, followed by Stamford, $453.91 and Bridgeport, $451.92 (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment was estimated at 68,900 or 4 percent, up slightly from the revised figure of 68,300 the previous month (page 4). The seasonally adjusted February rate moved to 3.6 percent from 3.5. A year ago, the seasonally adjusted rate was 4.1 percent when an estimated 79,900 people were unemployed. Monthly improvement was recorded in five labor market areas and the remaining 10 showed slight unemployment increases.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents reached an all-time high of $5-billion, 41-million in February (page 7), employment gained and other economic indicators were mixed.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	February 1987(P)	January 1987(R)	February 1986(R)	% Change Feb. '87 over Jan. '87	% Change Feb. '87 over Feb. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,616,100*	1,615,600*	1,558,300*	0.0**	+ 3.7
Manufacturing.....	395,000*	396,000*	396,900*	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable.....	295,000*	295,900*	297,100*	- 0.3	- 0.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,300	7,400	+ 1.4	0.0
Primary Metals.....	14,100*	14,100*	13,900	0.0	+ 1.4
Fabricated Metals.....	45,300*	45,600*	46,200	- 0.7	- 1.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	49,800*	49,500*	50,300*	+ 0.6	- 1.0
Electrical Equipment....	50,900	51,100	52,800	- 0.4	- 3.6
Transportation Equipment	88,200	87,400	85,300	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Instruments & Clocks....	25,200	25,200*	27,000	0.0	- 6.7
Other Durable.....	14,100	14,500	14,200	- 2.8	- 0.7
Nondurable.....	100,000	100,100	99,800*	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Food.....	12,600	12,600	12,400	0.0	+ 1.6
Textiles.....	4,400	4,400	5,100	0.0	- 13.7
Apparel.....	8,600	8,700	8,600*	- 1.1	0.0
Paper.....	9,500	9,400	9,600	+ 1.1	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,400	27,600	27,300	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	22,900	23,200	22,500	- 1.3	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,800	12,500	12,800	+ 2.4	0.0
Other Nondurable.....	1,800	1,700	1,500	+ 5.9	+ 20.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,221,100	1,219,600	1,161,400	+ 0.1	+ 5.1
Construction & Mining....	67,000	68,700	61,000	- 2.5	+ 9.8
Transportation.....	38,800	38,900	36,500	- 0.3	+ 6.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	15,900	15,800	14,200	+ 0.6	+ 12.0
Other Transportation....	22,900	23,100	22,300	- 0.9	+ 2.7
Communications.....	19,400	19,400	19,200	0.0	+ 1.0
Utilities.....	12,600	12,700	12,600	- 0.8	0.0
Trade.....	359,300	362,700	344,500	- 0.9	+ 4.3
Wholesale.....	85,000	85,100	82,200	- 0.1	+ 3.4
Retail.....	274,300	277,600	262,300	- 1.2	+ 4.6
General Merchandise....	37,000	39,000	33,900	- 5.1	+ 9.1
Food Stores.....	49,300	49,400	47,200	- 0.2	+ 4.4
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	32,000	32,000	29,900	0.0	+ 7.0
Restaurants.....	74,100	73,700	73,500	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Other Retail Trade.....	81,900	83,500	77,800	- 1.9	+ 5.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	143,600	143,400	134,400	+ 0.1	+ 6.8
Banking.....	32,100	32,100	30,800	0.0	+ 4.2
Insurance.....	79,000	78,700	73,900	+ 0.4	+ 6.9
Real Estate.....	13,000	13,100	12,100	- 0.8	+ 7.4
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	19,500	19,500	17,600	0.0	+ 10.8
Services.....	379,700	378,100	357,800	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Hotels.....	10,100	9,900	9,200	+ 2.0	+ 9.8
Personal Services.....	19,600	19,400	18,000	+ 1.0	+ 8.9
Business Services.....	89,100	88,400	80,300	+ 0.8	+ 11.0
Health Services.....	114,600	115,000	111,500	- 0.3	+ 2.8
Law & Professional.....	31,900	31,800	29,200	+ 0.3	+ 9.2
Educational Services....	34,400	33,400	34,000	+ 3.0	+ 1.2
Other Services.....	80,000	80,200	75,600	- 0.2	+ 5.8
Government.....	200,700	195,700	195,400	+ 2.6	+ 2.7
Federal.....	24,800	24,500	23,600	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
State & Local.....	175,900	171,200	171,800	+ 2.7	+ 2.4

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05%

(R) Revised estimate

(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$430.92	$435.27	$410.44	42.0	42.3	41.5	$10.26	$10.29	$ 9.89
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	444.13	446.45	425.21	42.5	42.6	42.1	10.45	10.48	10.10
Lumber & Furniture.....	332.51	329.65	310.02	40.5	40.3	40.9	8.21	8.18	7.58
Primary Metals.....	475.65	471.57	463.53	45.3	45.3	45.4	10.50	10.41	10.21
Fabricated Metals.....	409.34	408.62	383.36	42.2	42.3	41.4	9.70	9.66	9.26
Machinery.....	486.86	485.46	465.21	44.1	43.5	43.6	11.04	11.16	10.67
Electrical Equipment.....	358.50	362.15	351.07	40.6	40.6	41.4	8.83	8.92	8.48
Transportation Equipment.....	522.70	531.22	507.87	42.6	43.4	41.8	12.27	12.24	12.15
Instruments and Clocks.....	414.84	422.39	394.99	42.9	43.5	42.2	9.67	9.71	9.36
Other Durable Mfg.....	377.90	385.54	364.18	41.3	41.5	40.6	9.15	9.29	8.97
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	393.82	401.85	368.55	40.6	41.3	39.8	9.70	9.73	9.26
Food.....	374.22	395.21	348.01	37.8	39.6	37.3	9.90	9.98	9.33
Textiles.....	323.52	320.74	303.91	40.9	40.6	40.2	7.91	7.90	7.56
Apparel.....	245.36	241.68	223.25	38.1	38.0	36.3	6.44	6.36	6.15
Paper.....	466.40	475.65	444.53	44.0	45.0	43.2	10.60	10.57	10.29
Printing and Publishing.....	374.78	384.35	348.00	38.4	39.1	37.5	9.76	9.83	9.28
Chemicals.....	510.94	523.91	490.05	42.9	44.1	43.1	11.91	11.88	11.37
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	354.06	355.75	334.56	42.2	42.2	40.8	8.39	8.43	8.20
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	309.01	321.16	291.83	36.7	37.0	34.7	8.42	8.68	8.41
CONSTRUCTION.....	577.67	580.71	600.21	38.9	39.0	39.0	14.85	14.89	15.39

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	February Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	January Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force	February Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	68,900	4.0	68,300	4.0	79,900	4.7
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.6)		(3.5)		(4.1)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,600	5.1	11,300	5.0	12,600	5.6
Bristol.....	1,900	5.0	1,900	5.2	2,200	5.8
Danbury.....	4,000	3.5	3,900	3.4	4,000	3.6
Danielson.....	2,100	6.4	2,100	6.3	2,400	7.1
Hartford.....	14,900	3.6	14,800	3.5	17,200	4.2
Middletown.....	1,700	3.4	1,600	3.2	1,700	3.6
Lower River.....	500	3.1	600	3.3	500	3.4
New Britain.....	3,500	4.7	3,500	4.8	4,100	5.5
New Haven.....	9,900	3.7	9,600	3.6	12,300	4.6
New London/Norwich*..	5,300	4.1	5,500	4.3	6,400	4.9
Norwalk.....	2,300	2.8	2,500	3.0	2,800	3.6
Stamford.....	3,100	2.7	3,100	2.6	3,700	3.3
Torrington.....	2,000	4.7	2,000	4.6	2,500	5.6
Waterbury.....	5,800	5.8	5,600	5.5	7,000	6.9
Willimantic.....	900	3.1	800	3.0	1,300	4.4
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,503,000	7.2	8,620,000	7.3	9,041,000	7.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.7)		(6.7)		(7.2)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Feb. '87	Jan.'87	Feb. '86
All Items.....	334.4	333.1	327.5
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.4	+ 2.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Feb.'87	Jan.'87	Feb.'86(R)	Percent Change to Feb.'87 from: Jan.'87	Feb.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	193,470	193,900*	188,950*	- 0.2	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	60,350	60,500*	61,060*	- 0.2	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	133,120	133,400	127,890	- 0.2	+ 4.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,800	24,700	24,230	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	8,590	8,460	8,900	+ 1.5	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	16,210	16,240	15,330	- 0.2	+ 5.7
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,150	82,780	78,110	- 0.8	+ 5.2
Manufacturing	26,060	26,280	26,790	- 0.8	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	56,090	56,500	51,320	- 0.7	+ 9.3
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,450	22,510	21,800	- 0.3	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	9,210	9,240	9,260	- 0.3	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	13,240	13,270	12,540	- 0.2	+ 5.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	467,270*	468,140*	445,650*	- 0.2	+ 4.9
Manufacturing	94,150*	94,460*	92,130*	- 0.3	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	373,120	373,680*	353,520	- 0.2	+ 5.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	42,850	42,920	41,020	- 0.2	+ 4.5
Manufacturing	10,480	10,770	10,120	- 2.7	+ 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	32,370	32,150	30,900	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,310	14,200	13,140	+ 0.8	+ 8.9
Manufacturing	4,910	4,800	4,720	+ 2.3	+ 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	9,400	9,400	8,420	0.0	+ 11.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,050	64,800	63,950	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	21,210	21,430	23,100	- 1.0	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	43,840	43,370	40,850	+ 1.1	+ 7.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	245,510*	245,470*	237,500	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	47,850*	48,090*	46,890	- 0.5	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	197,660	197,380*	190,610	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,190	113,630	111,400	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	34,650	34,610	34,900	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	78,540	79,020	76,500	- 0.6	+ 2.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,960	73,590	71,330	- 0.9	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	20,650	20,810	20,930	- 0.8	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	52,310	52,780	50,400	- 0.9	+ 3.8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	123,420	124,060	118,010	- 0.5	+ 4.6
Manufacturing	24,960	25,270	25,910	- 1.2	- 3.7
Nonmanufacturing	98,460	98,790	92,100	- 0.3	+ 6.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Feb.'87	Jan.'87	Feb.'86(R)	Percent Change to Feb.'87 from: Jan.'87	Feb.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	30,450	30,770	29,110	- 1.0	+ 4.6
Manufacturing	7,120	7,040	6,880	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	23,330	23,730	22,230	- 1.7	+ 4.9
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,850	85,290*	82,660	- 0.5	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	24,610	24,690*	25,900	- 0.1	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	60,240	60,600	56,760	- 0.6	+ 6.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,980	20,730	22,320	+ 10.8	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	2,070	2,080	1,920	- 0.5	+ 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	20,910	18,650	20,400	+ 12.1	+ 2.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Bridgeport	$451.92	$443.27	$418.41	42.0	41.7	40.9	$10.76	$10.63	$10.23
Hartford	447.53	452.19	427.98	42.3	42.7	42.0	10.58	10.59	10.19
New Britain	457.95	459.24	429.06	43.0	43.0	41.9	10.65	10.68	10.24
New Haven	414.17	413.00	387.69	41.5	41.3	41.2	9.98	10.00	9.41
Stamford	453.91	447.35	410.22	40.6	39.8	40.1	11.18	11.24	10.23
Waterbury	379.53	388.08	361.09	42.5	44.2	43.4	8.93	8.78	8.32

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6(R)	1636.9(R)	5938	3876	4.0(R)	3.5(R)	5001.4(R)
Feb....	1616.1(P)	1642.4(P)	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5041.0(P)
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	7036	9319	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct.						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065
1986	24,950	175,584	238,705
Jan'86	39,301	$ 21,606	$ 7,426
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808
Mar	30,986	19,496	714
Apr	25,332	15,528	35,043
May	21,832	12,810	90,339
Jun	22,048	12,974	1,662
Jul	24,767	13,734	17,325
Aug	24,416	12,797	37,543
Sep	19,880	12,221	955
Oct	17,903	10,473	10,716
Nov	17,918	9,912	19,419
Dec	22,003	14,980	755
Jan'87	33,123	18,946	5,870
Feb	30,100	18,498	18,865
Mar			
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930
1986	40,187

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	61,138
1986	63,690

Total Outstanding Loans - (2/28/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (2/28/87)
$177.7 million

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